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Applicant : Zihong Jin et al.
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OFFICIAL**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

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Dear Sir:

This submission is in response to the Office action, mailed January 4, 2004, in the above-identified application. Also being submitted herewith are an amendment fee calculation sheet with authorization to charge the fee required under 37 CFR §1.16(c) and a petition under 37 CFR §1.136(a) including authorization to charge the fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(a)(1) for a one month extension of time.

Please amend the claims in the above-identified application as shown below under Claim Amendments. This section includes the current status of all claims in the application and the text of all pending claims. The currently amended claims are marked up to show the changes made relative to the immediate prior version, using strikethrough for deleted matter and underlining for added matter.